IN RECOGNITION OF "NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK"

WHEREAS, the foundation of a humane and just society is the people's willingness to work together for the common good; and

WHEREAS, experience teaches us that government by itself cannot solve all of our nation's social problems; and

WHEREAS, our volunteers demonstrate that it is possible to bring people together in response to our community's desperate needs; and

WHEREAS, the many volunteer organizations transforms limited resources into unlimited possibilities to stem the tide of poverty, hunger, homelessness, spouse and child abuse, and other problems that afflict society; and

WHEREAS, over the past year, volunteers have contributed countless hours of service in our community; and

WHEREAS, it is the duty of all citizens to honor our dedicated volunteers and celebrate the volunteer programs that contribute to the quality of life in Augusta and our surrounding communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Young, Mayor of the City of Augusta, do hereby proclaim the week of April 27th thru May 3rd, 2003 as "NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK" in Augusta, Georgia. I join with the citizens of this community in celebration of those who invest their time, talents and energy to reach out to those in need by volunteering and building a brighter future for all of our citizens. I urge all citizens to continue to set an outstanding example for others to follow by committing a portion of their time to addressing the needs of our communities through volunteer action.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Augusta, Georgia to be affixed this 29th day of April 2003.